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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: The Korean Situation

I. Military Situation

Summary

The situation along all fronts remains essentially unchanged. Enemy crossings of the Nakdong River in the Twenty-Fourth Division zone of responsibility are being contained and gradually reduced. However, the enemy retains the capability of effecting further crossings while maintaining pressure on other fronts. Elements of the US First Marine Provisional Brigade and of the Twenty-Fifth Division began a limited counter-offensive in the Chinju-Masan region. Carrier strikes and coastal bombardment by UN fleet units continued. Fifty B-29s staged a heavy attack on the Pyongyang railroad marshalling yards.

Sector Reports

In the southern sector, limited gains were made by elements of the First Provisional Marine Brigade and Twenty-Fifth Division. The enemy, however, continues to exert heavy pressure and has an estimated two divisions in reserve. In the Twenty-Fourth Division zone of responsibility, an enemy bridgehead across the Nakdong River maintained by two enemy battalions is being contained and reduced. Attempts to effect other crossings are in progress.

In the central sector, held by the US First Cavalry (Infantry) Division and elements of the ROK III Corps, enemy activity has been limited to minor river crossing attempts. A sizeable enemy force remains relatively inactive in this zone.

In the ROK-defended northern sector, heavy pressure continues to be exerted by units of the enemy's Seventh and Eighth Divisions

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operating south of the Naktong. Air reconnaissance reports a troop, artillery and armor concentration in the Hamchang area.

The battle for possession of Yongdok continues with the ROK Third Division reported still holding that town. However, an enemy column is reportedly moving eastward from the central zone in a flanking attempt.

UN surface and naval air units were active in close support missions and in interdiction of lines of communication. The USS Helena (heavy cruiser) bombarded the north Korean industrial and mining city of Tanchon.

UN air units maintained close support of troops and interdicted lines of communication. A heavy B-29 raid (50 planes) on the Pyongyang rail marshalling yards was reported to have achieved excellent results.

II. Other Developments

No significant developments have been reported in the past 24 hours.

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